

## ELC Executive Committee Meeting

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**June 24, 2013**

2:30 pm-4:00 pm

Erikson Institute

Polk Bros. Lecture Hall

451 North LaSalle St.

Chicago, IL 60654

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### **Minutes**

**Participants** – Karen Berman, Jeanna Capito, George Davis, Daniel Fitzgerald, Gaylord Gieseke, Phyllis Glink, Dan Harris, Theresa Hawley, Reyna Hernandez, Teresa Kelly, Jan Maruna, Beth Mascitti-Miller, Sylvia Puente, Diana Rauner, Elliot Regenstein, Vanessa Rich, Linda Saterfield, Sara Slaughter, Julie Smith, Teri Talan, Kathy Villano, Maria Whelan, Josie Yanguas, Cindy Zumwalt

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Harriet Meyer welcomed members.

- a. Introductions
- b. Minutes – The June 3, 2013 minutes were approved.

#### **II. Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Supplemental Funding**

Julie Smith informed members that the budget for supplemental funding is due on July 3, which is significantly less time than was anticipated. A detailed Scope of Work and Budget Narratives will be due by Labor Day.

The Leadership team met and established the guiding principles for prioritizing the investments. Following today's input the IAT will prepare the final budget for final approval by the leadership.

Members expressed a desire to have Kathy Stohr present on ECAP. Members also posed questions about process, especially regarding the Executive Committee's role. Discussion was held around where evaluation is built into the implementation of the grant, so as to learn from and increase the value of the limited funding. Members asked how the Council will know that the spending is connected to its theory of change and guiding goals. Members engaged in a discussion around community supports in target zones, especially as pertains to the balance between supporting local practices and setting uniform objectives.

The Committee recommended that Theresa balance the budget by reducing a few of the larger line items. Below were points that were made regarding the funding.

- May want to have funds for the evaluation of the Early Childhood Innovation Zones.
- Focus on reaching the hardest to reach families

- Questions regarding the readiness of the credentials and if they are in line with the theory of change laid out in the RTT-ELC grant.
  - Work needs to be done to cross-walk the overlap between the Home Visitor Credential and Family Specialist Credential.
- The amount of funding for IHEs was concerning for some.
- Little desire to invest in media buys- rather focus on social media as a way to reach families about the QRIS.

### **III. Discussion on the President's Proposal**

*Postponed until the next meeting*

### **IV. Governance Discussion**

*Postponed until the next meeting*

### **Closing and Adjournments**

Julie Smith informed members that they will be hearing from the Committee soon regarding outreach in support of the President's early childhood proposal.